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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BIRKNER et al.

Application No.: 09/696,465

For: Integrated Construction Project
Management System with Handheld
Computer

Examiner: Beth Van Doren.

Art Unit: 2671

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

5 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1490

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

- 10 1. (Currently Amended) A construction management system, comprising:
- a handheld computer adapted to collect construction data from the field;
- a planning system to track budgetary information that manages multi-year
- budgets;
- a design system to perform site engineering assessment; and
- 15 a construction system to track material consumption and progress for each project,
- the construction system adapted to receive data collected from the handheld computer.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the handheld computer collects
- work in progress data.